

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,
and listings, of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 (canceled).

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21 (currently amended). A device for equalizing relative displacements changes in level between a ground area surface extending over a ground structure and a frame (5) provided for closing means of an installation projecting into a ground structure therebelow (1), comprising a plate-shaped dragging body (6) connected to the closing means frame [(5), 1] and projecting horizontally into the ground structure below a carrying layer thereof so as to transfer the changes in level occurring there to the closing means frame (5), characterized in that the plate-shaped dragging body being (6) is designed as a separate structural element which supports the closing means frame (5) by its on an upper side and that the plate-shaped dragging body (6) projects into the ground structure below a carrying layer (7) thereof.

22 (currently amended). A device according to claim 21, characterized in that wherein at least one telescope part (11, 11') variably extending the installation in upward direction extends from the plate-shaped dragging body (6) downwards into

the respective installation (17).

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~~23~~ (currently amended). A device according to claim ²
~~22~~, characterized in that wherein the telescope part ~~(11, 11')~~ is non-positively frictionally connected to the plate-shaped dragging body (6).

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~~24~~ (currently amended). A device according to claim ²
~~22~~, characterized in that wherein telescope part ~~(11)~~ with its has a lower portion slidingly engages the engaging an outer side of a stationary body (17) connected to the installation (17).

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~~25~~ (currently amended). A device according to claim ⁴
~~24~~, characterized in that wherein the stationary body (17) is non-positively frictionally connected to the installation (17) via by an equalization fastening element (16).

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~~26~~ (currently amended). A device according to claim ²
~~22~~, characterized in that wherein the telescope part (11) with its has a lower portion slidingly engages the engaging an inner side of a guide body ²
(12) connected to the installation (17).

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~~27~~ (currently amended). A device according to claim ⁶
~~26~~, characterized in that wherein the guide body (12) is connected to the installation (17) via by an equalizing fastening element (18).

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~~28~~ (currently amended). A device according to claim ²~~22~~,
~~characterized in that two wherein the telescope parts (11, 11')~~
~~are part has two portions~~ arranged one above the other, the an
upper one (11') of which is connected to the plate-shaped
dragging body (6), and ~~the a~~ lower one (11') slidably engaging
on engages ^a guide body (12) connected to the installation (1).

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~~29~~ (currently amended). A device according to claim ²~~22~~,
characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the telescope part (11')
slidably engages an upper stationary body part (17A) connected
to ~~a an e.g.~~ bellows-type or corrugated deformation element
(17C).

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~~30~~ (currently amended). A device according to claim ⁹~~29~~,
characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the deformation element (17C) is
externally surrounded by a protective shell (17D).

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~~31~~ (currently amended). A device according to claim ²~~22~~,
characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the telescope part (11, 11') is
connected to the plate-shaped dragging body (6) ~~via by~~ an
element (27) for level equalization.

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~~32~~ (currently amended). A device according to claim ²~~22~~,
characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the closing means frame (5, 13,
13') is supported on the plate-shaped dragging body (6) ~~via by~~
an element (26) for level equalization.

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~~33~~ (currently amended). A device according to claim ¹~~21~~,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the closing means frame ~~(5, 13,~~
~~13)~~ is connected to the plate-shaped dragging body ~~(6)~~ via by
an equalizing fastening element (16).

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~~34~~ (currently amended). A device according to claim ¹~~21~~,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plate-shaped dragging body
(6) has an abutment web (35) located externally of the closing
means frame ~~(5, 13, 13)~~.

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~~35~~ (currently amended). A device according to claim ¹~~21~~,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the dragging body (6) is formed
as an annular plate.

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~~36~~ (currently amended). A device according to claim ¹~~21~~,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plate-shaped dragging body
(6) preferably is provided with radially extending stiffening
ribs ~~(24)~~.

[Claims 37 40 (canceled).]

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~~41~~ (new). A method for mounting a device for equalizing
changes in level between a ground area surface extending over a
ground structure and a frame for closing means of an
installation projecting into a ground structure therebelow,
comprising a plate-shaped dragging body connected to the

closing means frame and projecting horizontally into the ground structure below a carrying layer thereof so as to transfer the changes in level to the closing means frame, the plate-shaped dragging body being a separate structural element which supports the closing means frame on an upper side thereof, which comprises the steps of

- (a) placing a spacer on the installation or a stationary body connected thereto before the ground structure is completed by applying the carrying layer,
- (b) placing a telescope part over the spacer,
- (c) covering the telescope part, and completing and compacting the ground structure below the carrying layer,
- (d) thereafter uncovering the telescope part, and placing the plate-shaped dragging body over the telescope part, and
- (e) then applying the carrying layer over the plate-shaped dragging body.

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~~42~~ (new). The mounting method of claim ¹²~~41~~, wherein the telescope part is covered by engaging the telescope part with a cover.

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~~43~~ (new). The mounting method of claim ¹⁸~~42~~, wherein the cover is scaled to the telescope part.